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SALEM, FALLS CITY & WESTERN TO EXTEND LINE

MANY SCHOOLS ARE NOW ON ROLL OF HONOR

GREATEST INTEREST IN ATTENDANCE EVER KNOWN, SAYS COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SEYMOUR.

UNA VISTA IS "STANDARD"

Cooperation of Every Parent, School Officer, Teacher and Pupil to Maintain Polk's Envyable Position as Banner County in Oregon's Educational System.

County Superintendent H. C. Seymour has just issued his summarized report of the schools for Polk county for the month ending December 31, 1911. In commenting upon the report, the superintendent has this to say: "You will notice that the attendance for this month has been very good. It is hoped that this may indicate the rest of the school year, the interest in the attendance over the county is the best I have ever known."

"We still have too many tardies. There are too many people keeping their children home a few moments work, and I find that nearly all tardies come from but a few families in the county."

"We have now two standard schools in the county—Spring Valley and Una Vista—and there are many others that are within one or two days of being standard, and will be next report."

"If we are to keep Polk county as a banner school county, we must keep working and boosting school conditions, and we ask the cooperation for the rest of the school year every parent, school officer, teacher and pupil in the county, and we will win."

Monthly Statistics.

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time	58
Number of schools not reporting correctly and on time—Parkers, Brush College, McTimmonds Valley, Greenwood, Lone Star, McCoy, Guthrie.	
Number of pupils remaining at time of last report	2682
Number of pupils registered new during month	37
Number of pupils registered secondary during the month	18
Number of pupils readmitted during the month	121
Number of pupils on register during month	2858
Number of pupils dropped during month	199
Number of pupils remaining at time of this report	2659
Number of days taught during the month	14
Number of days attendance	37495.5
Total number of days absence	1613
Total number of times late	478
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	1648
Average number of pupils belonging	2793.4
Average daily attendance	2679.2
Per cent of attendance	95.8
Number of visits by parents	112
Number of visits by members of school boards	40

Roll of Honor.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for the month for having made a per cent of attendance of 95 or more: Zena, Dallas, Smithfield, Pedee, Red Prairie, Bridgeport, Lewisville, Salt Creek, Valley View, Monmouth, No. 15, Orchard, Oak Grove, Ward, Fair View, Jackson, Oak Point, Elkina, Independence, Antioch, West Salem, Fir Grove, Doona Vista, Spring Valley, Harmon, Harmony, Montgomery, Lenoir, (106), North Dallas, Enterprise, Crowley, Sunnyslope, Oakdale, Lewis Camp, Liberty, Falls City.

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ELECTRIC LINE IS PROMISE OF ESPEE

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PLANS FAST TRANSIT COMMUNICATION WITH PORTLAND BY 1913.

TWO HOUR SERVICE ASSURED

Meeting is Held With Members of Council and Commercial Club For Purpose of Getting Support in Obtaining Right of Way For Double Track From Metropolis.

Promising an electric railway direct from Portland to Dallas by 1913 in return for the moral support of the city in obtaining a franchise for a double track out of Portland along Fourth street, prominent Southern Pacific officials arrived yesterday morning and held a brief meeting with members of the city council and commercial club in the rooms of the LaCreole club. Within the promised time, Dallas is to be provided with a two-hour electric service between here and the metropolis, the announcement of which comes as a further confirmation of the predictions made in the past by The Observer.

The party was composed of D. W. Campbell, general superintendent of the Southern Pacific; W. D. Fenton, general counsel; District Engineer Burkhalter, and J. B. Eddy, right of way agent. Their object in making a tour of the West Side towns was to obtain assistance in urging the Portland council to grant the requested right of way along Fourth street for a double track electric line to take the place of the present steam line. There is considerable opposition to the franchise in the Portland body, and it is the purpose to overcome that by the combined aid of the interested towns in the valley.

Extending McMinnville Line.

The company is busily engaged in extending its proposed electric line to McMinnville and if proper concessions are granted the work of double tracking will be commenced at once with the intention of bringing it to Dallas and Airlie and also to Corvallis, with a branch line to Sheridan.

After hearing the statements of the visitors, the members of the council and commercial club were heartily in favor of lending all the support possible, and to that end the following committees were appointed to take the matter up at once: From the council—Mayor J. R. Craven, and Councilmen H. G. Campbell, W. V. Fuller and H. L. Fenton; from the Commercial club—Edwin Jacobson, Secretary W. L. Toole, Jr., and R. L. Chapman. The committees will meet to take action in a short time.

From Dallas, the railroad party proceeded to Sheridan and Willamina in their special car.

Encampment Installs.

LaCreole Encampment No. 29, I. O. O. F., have just elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: D. J. Riley, C. P.; A. W. Teats, H. P.; F. H. Morrison, S. W.; F. J. Coad, J. W.; W. A. Ayres, scribe; J. E. Sibley, treasurer; H. B. Cosper, J. E. Sibley and J. L. Castle, trustees. The regular meeting nights of the Encampment are the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Bound Over.

Tony Gallo, an Italian, was bound over by Justice of the Peace Hardy Holman Wednesday afternoon to wait the action of the grand jury on a statutory charge said to have been committed in Independence.

Undergoes Operation.

Miss Mattie Swann, of Crawfordville, who has been visiting in this city, was operated on at the Dallas hospital yesterday morning. She is reported as improving.

MILITIAMEN EXPECT CITY SCHOOLS TO BEAT IN FAST GAME

NOTED ATHLETIC CLUB PLAYERS TO MEET LOCAL TEAM AT ARMORY HERE TOMORROW NIGHT.

LIST OF DALLAS WINNINGS

Generally Thought That Contest Will Not Lack For Plenty of Ginger—"Winged M" Tossers Coming With Hopes of Taking a Fall Out of Company G Victors.

GAMES PLAYED.

- AT HOME.
- Dallas 52—McMinnville 17
- Dallas 36—Chemawa 8
- Dallas 34—Philomath 12
- Dallas 36—Amicus club 13
- Dallas 48—Newberg 7
- ABROAD.
- Dallas 20—Silverton 17
- Dallas 20—Mt. Angel 9

What is generally predicted to be a real live game of basket ball is to take place in the Armory court in this city tomorrow evening, when the team of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic association, for many years the leaders of all kinds of sport in the state, is to match its skill with that of the champion Company G five of Dallas. From information received here it is learned that the Portland players are coming up with the idea that they will have a walk-over. In the recent contest with the team of Willamette university at Salem, the latter beat the Multnomah by a small margin, but the defeat, it is claimed, was due to the fact that

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CITY SCHOOLS TO REORGANIZE NEXT WEEK

SECOND TERM BEGINS MONDAY MORNING WHEN PUPILS WILL BE ASSIGNED BY STANDING.

FIRST TERM SUCCESSFUL

Parents Urged to Send Primer Pupils Now, Instead of Waiting Until Next Fall—Mid-Year Examinations in Progress This Week—High School Enters "Standard" Contest.

The second term of the school year in the Dallas city schools begins next Monday morning, January 29. The term just closing has been a very successful one, and the prospects are that the remaining term will be even more so. In order to simplify the work of reorganization at that time, the parents of all children of six years or more who are to enter the first "A," or primer class, should see that they are promptly on hand Monday morning so that they may be assigned to their proper places and studies. Teachers have much to contend with at such times, and a little forethought on the part of the parents will save them much annoyance and will add to the effectiveness of the school work.

In the past, it has been the practice of some to hold the beginning pupils back until the fall term, and the result has been over-crowded classes at the mid-year term. To avoid this it is requested by City Superintendent W. L. Ford that those children who are of school age be started next Monday, thus making the classes more nearly equal in size and enabling the teacher to give more

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POLK COUNTY RAILROAD TO TAP RICH VALLEY DISTRICT

HIGH SCHOOL WINS BY BIG SCORE

HOLDS INDEPENDENCE DOWN TO ONLY TWO POINTS.

Good Team Work in Fast Game of Basket Ball Gives Dallas Boys 39 in Fast Contest.

With a whoop and a jump, the basket ball team of the Dallas High school went up against the high school players from Independence at the rink here Wednesday night and slaughtered them without mercy to the extent of 39 to 2. The game was a fast one all the way through and was marked by good team work on the part of the locals.

Woods distinguished himself by throwing ten baskets, Boydston put in five, Poling two, Barham one, and Matheny one.

Independence is the only team which has brought defeat to the Dallas boys this year, and the victory of Wednesday night was accordingly all the more gratifying.

MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHOIR HONORED

Were Guests at Fine Banquet Served by Women of Congregation at Ellis Home.

The choir of the Church of Christ numbering more than 25 persons, was entertained in a charming manner last Tuesday evening at an elaborate banquet prepared for them by six of the most active women workers of the church. The feast was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ellis, and was pronounced most excellent.

M. D. Ellis was toastmaster and the evening was made pleasurable by speeches and music. Miss Pearl Owings and Miss Alice Grant sang several beautiful solos that were much appreciated.

The great success of the banquet was due to the work of Mrs. Eugene Hayter, Mrs. I. L. Smith, Mrs. A. J. McCann, Mrs. H. G. Black, Mrs. M. D. Ellis and Mrs. Robert McCormick.

COAST ROAD FILES ARTICLES

Falls City Lumber Company Reported Backers.

Salem, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special)—Articles of incorporation were filed in the secretary of state's office yesterday by the Valley & Siletz Railroad company, the capital stock being placed at \$300,000.

It is believed this road is backed by the Falls City Lumber company of Falls City, the object being to get a line into the rich timber districts in the Siletz country, and thence to the coast.

The incorporators are H. A. Packard of Falls City, and F. S. Belcher and E. B. Littlefield, both of Portland.

INSANE AT INDEPENDENCE

Portland Woman Loses Fiance and Trouble Follows.

Independence, Jan. 25.—Grieving over the loss of her prospective spouse, who departed with a sum of money obtained on a lottery ticket some time ago, Mrs. Janko, a dressmaker from Portland, became violently insane Sunday morning at the home of Thomas Pennell, where she had been employed for a couple of weeks. The unfortunate woman seemed to have the hallucination that she was being pursued by enemies. She assaulted Mr. Pennell with an umbrella and fought like a demon when anyone undertook to comfort her. She was taken to Portland.

SALEM, FALLS CITY & WESTERN RAILWAY TO BUILD TO SILVERTON AND TO STAYTON NEXT.

Later Planned to Extend to Oregon City—Will Open Up Rich Territory in Willamette Valley—Bridge Construction Across River at Salem to Commence Soon.

Within another year or so Dallas is to be in direct rail connection with Silverton and also with Stayton, two live towns of the Eastern Willamette Valley. This important traffic extension is to be brought about by branch lines which are to be built by the Salem, Falls City & Western railway, the headquarters and shops of which are located in Dallas. The two feeders are to form a junction with the main line a short distance east of Salem. The route to Silverton will be about 12 miles in length, while that to Stayton will cover a distance approximately 18. The work of making the surveys will be started immediately. The information was given out yesterday by Assistant General Manager H. A. Hinshaw, of this city, in an interview with The Observer.

According to articles filed by the company in the office of the secretary of state at Salem, Wednesday, it is the intention to build the line from Silverton on to Oregon City, by the way of Molalla and Mullion, but the latter part of the work will not be undertaken for some time to come.

Bridge Construction Next.

In carrying out its plans for the future, the road last year obtained a franchise into Salem to operate along Union street to a point past Capitol street and at the time it was rumored that the move had in view an extension to Silverton and Abiqua. At the same time the franchise was granted the road obtained permission from the state and the War Department to construct a bridge across the Willamette river from West Salem to Salem, to be used as a connecting link for its line from West Salem into Salem.

Assistant General Manager Hinshaw said that it is planned to start construction work on the bridge as soon as the weather will permit and to run cars into Salem at the earliest opportunity.

New Country to Be Opened.

Through the new extension Dallas and Polk county will be brought into direct connection with some of the richest sections in the Willamette Valley. Silverton and Stayton are among the larger towns of the valley. Stayton now is practically without railroad communication, while the railroad connection to Silverton is roundabout and of little value.

In addition to this there are immense lumber holdings in the vicinity of Silverton, which will be tapped by the road and practically a new field will be opened to market.

It is probable that the road will use motor cars for its passenger traffic on the extension both to Silverton and Stayton. This is the type of a passenger car which is now in use on the road between Black Rock and West Salem.

It is not announced when the extension will be started, but it is believed that the work of securing the right of way will be begun at once and that before the bridge across the river into Salem is completed within a year, work will start on construction of the extension itself.

Temporary Removal.

William Herzog, who has conducted a clothing store in Dallas for a number of months, will move his stock temporarily to Lebanon, while the Crider building on Main street which he has occupied, is being remodeled. A modern front is to be installed and other improvements made there, after which Mr. Herzog will put in a new stock.

The Octopus, Soon to Be Known as C 1, In Drydock

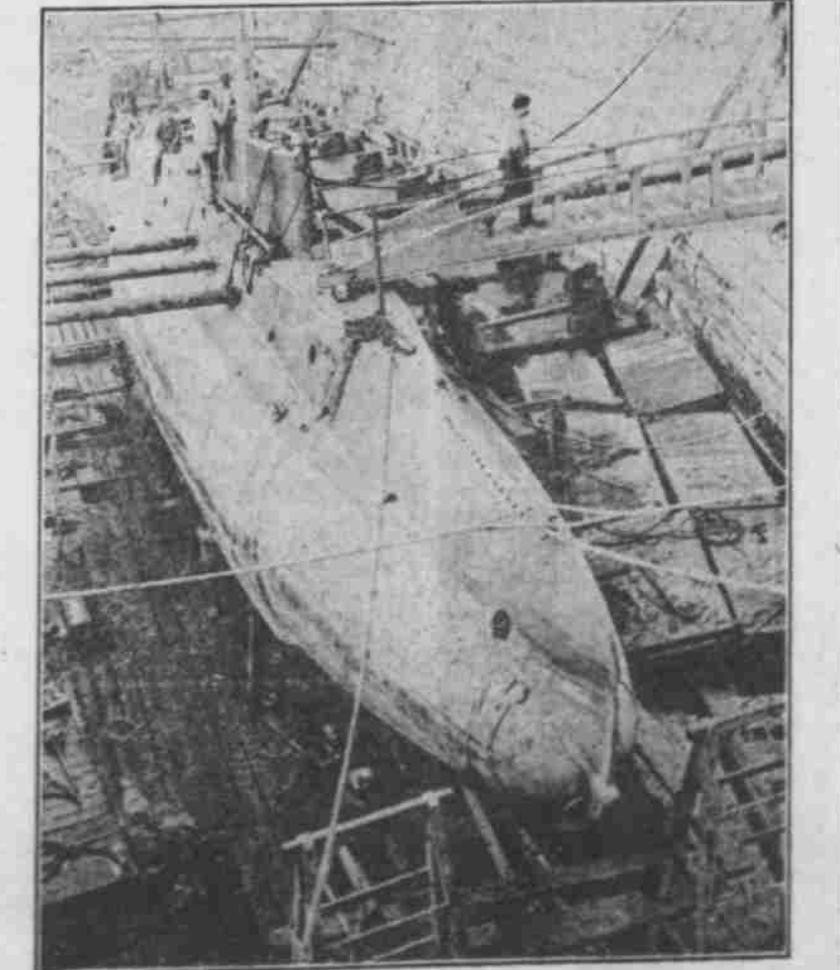


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WHEN she emerges from her berth in drydock at the New York navy yard the submarine Octopus will be the C 1. This is in pursuance of the new policy of designating the vessels of this class by letter and number instead of by names of fishes as has generally been done in the navy. In making the change the navy department is following the practice of the British and French, and perhaps anticipating the time when the United States shall have built so many submarines that all the commonly known denizens of the deep would not suffice for the naming of them.